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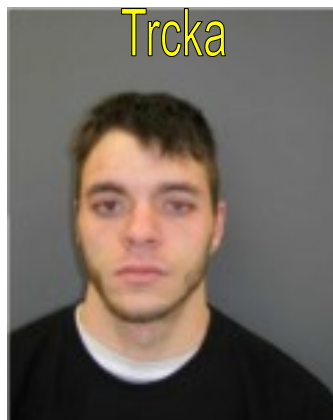
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Snowmobile Complaint Leads to Drugs

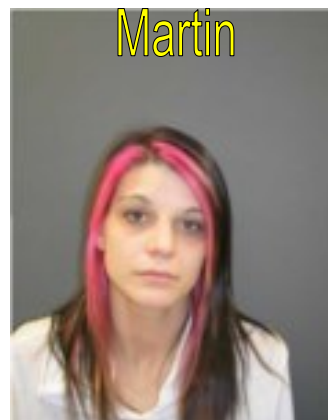
On Wednesday, December 3rd, **Officer Tony Kuchinka** responded to a snowmobile complaint. He found the suspect a short distance away, but the snowmobile fled and evaded the officer. Keeping watch for the suspect, the suspect was found and again attempted to flee. **Officer Matt Shuda** picked up the chase for several blocks before the suspect was intercepted by **Sergeant Matt Knutson**. The suspect, Joseph Trcka, 24, was taken into custody without incident. The officers were informed that Trcka was also the subject of an arrest warrant. During the arrest, officers recovered a quantity of methamphetamine from Trcka.

Agents of the **Cannon River Drug and Violent Offender Task Force** picked up the investigation. Armed with previous knowledge of the residence and its occupants, the agents, along with **Sergeant Brandon Gliem**, went back to Trcka's residence and recovered a stolen snowmobile trailer. After obtaining a search warrant, they arrested Daniel Meyer, 35, in connection with the trailer. Finding drugs and drug paraphernalia in the house, they also arrested a resident of the house, Tiffany Martin, 25. **Detective Scott Duncan** and **Officer Lisa Petricka** also assisted with the case.

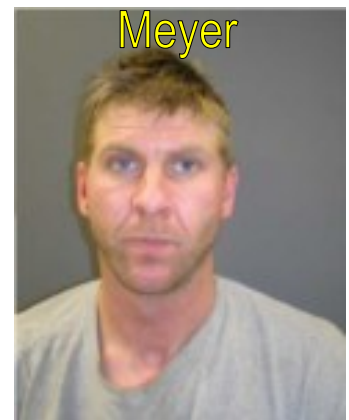
Trcka was charged with Fleeing a Peace Officer, 2nd Degree Controlled Substance - Sale and 3rd Degree Controlled Substance - Possession. His bail was set at \$50,000 without conditions. Meyer was charged with 5th degree Controlled Substance and Receiving Stolen Property. His bail was set at \$50,000 without conditions. Martin was charged with 5th Degree Controlled Substance and Aiding an Offender to Avoid Arrest. Her bail was set at \$50,000 without conditions.



Trcka



Martin



Meyer

Condolences

Our deepest condolences to **Captain Steve Grundman** (ret.) on the loss of his wife, Jewel.

Our sympathies also go to the family of **Sergeant Brandon Gliem** on the loss of his mother-in-law.

“Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility. For the person who is unwilling to grow up, the person who does not want to carry his own weight, this is a frightening prospect.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

Questions?

Comments?

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Fraud Watch

An aggressive and sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers, including recent immigrants, has been making the rounds throughout the country. Callers claim to be employees of the IRS, but are not. These con artists can sound convincing when they call. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or

suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting.

Or, victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information.

If the phone isn't answered, the scammers often leave an “urgent” callback request.

There are variations of this scam and some callers may claim to be with the FBI or local law enforcement, advising the person they have warrants and must pay to avoid arrest.

Note that the IRS will **never**:

1) call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill;

2) demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe;

3) require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a pre-paid debit card;

4) ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone; or

5) threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

Cub Scouts Visit

On Thursday, December 11th, **Officer Chris Tonjum** met with a group of local Cub Scouts. He gave them a tour of the Police Department, showed them a squad car and answered several questions for them.



Last week, Faribault detectives, along with those from the Rice County Sheriff's Office and Northfield Police Department, completed the third in a series of trainings developed for investigators. The training, developed to increase officer safety

during high-risk operations, allowed the officers the chance to receive consistent training. Because of the number of personnel needed for certain operations, the officers frequently work together and assist each other. The training was pre-

sented by RSCO **Sergeant Jeff Mullenmeister, Investigator Paul LaRoche** and **Deputy Dan Belcourt**. The training sessions will continue in 2015.